MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether the Government do not realise that allowing the buses of one company only to run on particular days would entail great inconvenience to the travelling public?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will call for a report from the Commissioner of Police in regard to the subject.

Abolition of the First Class Magistrate's Court, Alwaye.

70. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they propose to abolish the Division First Class Magistrate's Court at Alwaye; and

(*b*) if so, their reasons for so doing, with a comparative reference to other similar First Class Magistrates' Courts in the State not now proposed to be abolished?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question has not been considered by the Government so far.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Action on the Report of the Minor Irrigation Committee.

71. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Report of the Minor Irrigation Committee was received by them; and

(*b*) the action, if any, taken or proposed to be taken on it?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4th October, 1931.

(*b*) The Report has been sent to the Press for printing. Action on the Report will be taken as soon as it is received printed.

Misappropriation in the Patents and Designs Office.

72. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. R. Krishna Aiyar, B. A., B. L., clerk, Secretariat, is still (16-4-1107) under suspension;

(*b*) (i) whether they have ordered a general check of the accounts relating to the Patents and Designs Department for the whole period of Mr. R. Krishna Aiyar's term of office; and

(ii) if so, the result thereof;

(*c*) the date on which the Controller of Patents and Designs made his report of the misappropriation in the Patents and Designs Office;

(*d*) whether they have considered the question of the responsibility of the Controller of Patents and Designs in the matter, and

(*e*) if the Controller is guilty of any dereliction of duty what action do the Government propose to take?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Accounts are being checked; the work is not complete.

(ii) One more discrepancy has been found out in the course of checking.

(*c*) 21st February, 1931.

(*d*) and (*e*) These matters will be considered after the enquiry which has been ordered is over.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*)may I know from Government whether they have not already got sufficient material to remove Mr. Krishna Aiyar from service altogether?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): For dismissing him from service, definite charges ought to be framed; his explanation should be called for and evidence, if necessary, must be taken.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): My question is whether Government have not already sufficient evidence to dispense with his services. The actual punishment to be meted out to him may be ascertained after knowing the full details of his guilt. But already have not the Government sufficient material to dismiss him from service?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Before that step is taken Mr. Krishna Aiyar must be heard in his own defence, and then, if there is any necessity for recording any evidence, that also must be done.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to part (*c*) may I know the corresponding Malabar date?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some day early in Kumbham 1106.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the defalcation took place in 1105?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I wish to know the reason for the delay from 1105 to 1106 in reporting this matter to Government.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Two cases took place in 1105; but that does not mean that they were discovered in 1105.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): When were they discovered?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): About one I can positively say that it was discovered in Dhanu 1106. The date of the other discovery I am not in a position to give just now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Did the Controlling Officer report about this defalcation as soon as it took place?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He reported to Government as soon as he discovered the defalcation.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government believe the Controlling Officer to be in the know of this defalcation when it took place?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government believe that he was *not* aware of it when it took place.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The answer given by t he Government to part (*b*) (i) of my question is not a specific one. I wish to know whether a general check of the accounts relating to the Patents and Designs Department for the whole period of Mr. Krishna Aiyar's term of office has been ordered?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That has been ordered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether there is not sufficient evidence to call for the explanation of the Controlling Officer for the dereliction of duty involved?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): After checking all the accounts, explanation, if found necessary, will be called for from the Controlling Officer. There were more Controlling Officers than one during Mr. Krishna Aiyar's term of office.

The Epidemiologist and the Entomologist.

73. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the exact duties and functions of the Epidemiologist and the Entomologist; and

(*b*) whether the above functionaries are permanently stationed at Trivandrum?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The duties and functions of the Epidemiologist are the collection of accurate data in regard to the occurrence of infectious diseases and of births and deaths and infantile mortality in the Vilavankod taluk. The Entomologist is concerned with the investigation into insect-borne diseases.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the work of the functionary mentioned is confined to a particular taluk?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Works regarding infectious diseases are carried on in the Vilavankod taluk only.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Then, may I know why he is stationed at Trivandrum?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He has other work to do besides the work of the Epidemiologist. He is the Assistant to the Honorary Adviser of Public Health. He has also to supervise the work relating to hookworms.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Are these functionaries under the Sanitary Department?

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